

2008 Western Business Information Technology Educators Conference

Scottsdale Plaza Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona

Members of the CTE Staff, Dr. Janet Gandy and Ryan Hamilton partnered with the Arizona Business Education Association in conducting the 2008 WBITE Conference over Memorial Day weekend. Conference theme WBITE Rocks in Arizona—Digging Into Educational Opportunities.



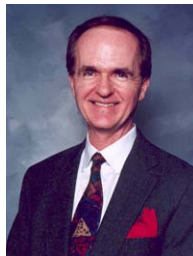
Kris Sheets, WBITE President, stands at attention while Kelly Madison sings both the Canadian and American national anthems. Members came to Arizona from Alberta and British Columbia, and all of the ten western states.



Pamela Jett, CSP, Keynote speaker had participants laughing at the ways we each communicate and members could be heard saying “delete” and “vacate” throughout the remainder of the conference.



Co-chairs Chris Liebelt-Garcia and Barbara Renner of Metro Tech High School get ready for conference registration



Mr. Milt Ericksen, Arizona State Director for CTE addressed the participants during a luncheon about the importance of business/industry/education partnerships. Other workshop topics focused around the national business education standard content areas.



The 60 station computer lab was provided by Debbie Long and her company Strategic Technology Communications, Inc. of Phoenix.



Scholarship funds were raised during the Silent Auction. The stuffed bear dressed as a miner in keeping with the conference theme, Digging Into Educational Opportunities was donated by Dr. Janet Gandy. The bear was named Rocky by the WBITE Board and was auctioned off to his new owner, Eileen from Idaho. Rocky may join the WBITE members next year in Courdelaine when he attends the 2009 WBEA Conference. No, this is not a typo, the Board voted to change the name of the organization from Western Business Information Technology Educators to Western Business Education Association.